UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE NO. 1

PROCEDURES FOR CRIMINAL REFERRALS

- 1. If a judge or clerk of court concludes that an issue has arisen that may involve a violation of any criminal statute or violation of the rules governing the practice of attorneys in the state of Alabama, the matter may be directly referred to the U.S. Attorney, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the proper state district attorney, the Alabama Attorney General, the Alabama State Bar Association or any other appropriate office.
- 2. If a judge or the clerk of court wishes, he or she may first transmit the matter to the Bankruptcy Administrator for further investigation prior to any referral. If the Bankruptcy Administrator, after review, concludes that the matter should be referred to the proper authorities, he shall report his conclusion to the judge or clerk that transmitted the matter to the Bankruptcy Administrator. The judge or the clerk will then ask the Bankruptcy Administrator to refer the matter or the judge or clerk will make the referral himself or herself.
- This procedure applies to referrals pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 158(d) as well as to referrals on 3. any other grounds.

DATED: 10-5-05

WILLIAM S. SHULMAN CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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